

REICH YELLS  
DENIALS IN  
BECKER TRIAL

"Sullivan," Ex-Newsboy,  
Ignoring Court, Shouts  
Out Accusations.

SAYS HE WAS URGED  
TO JOIN "FRAME-UP"

Sticks to Story That Rose  
and Gang Doomed De-  
fendant to Save Selves.

"WHITEY LEWIS'S" KIN  
MAY ACCUSE BECKER

Whitman Admits Error in Timing  
Reich's Arrest—Defendant Not  
Likely to Take Stand.

"The boys used to say that I would  
be a second John L. Sullivan; that's  
how I got the nickname 'Jack Sullivan,'  
and it's stuck to me ever since."

Jacob Reich, the first witness at the  
opening of the defence at the trial of  
Charles Becker yesterday, thus de-  
scribed himself with some show of re-  
spect for lost aspirations as he squared  
his shoulders and cocked his head at  
the beginning of his picturesque story,  
in which he denounced Rose, Weber  
and Vallon, the three principal wit-  
nesses for the prosecution, with unre-  
strained epithets of the underworld.

Reich waited upon District Attorney  
Whitman to refresh the memories of  
his pugilistic days. When once under  
good headway he verbally walloped  
"everything in sight," including the  
judge, jury, District Attorney, and  
even the easy-going Mr. Manton, chief  
counsel for the defence, who had guided  
him skillfully through the direct exam-  
ination. Yesterday he repeated his  
performance at the first trial, when  
under cross-examination by former As-  
sistant District Attorney Moss, and ran  
riot under the stinging blows of Mr.  
Whitman.

Shouts His Testimony.

At one point in the cross-examina-  
tion, when Justice Seabury was en-  
deavoring to drown the high-toned  
volubility of the witness with admoni-  
tions to "keep quiet," and the District  
Attorney was trying to make himself  
heard above the roar of Reich's ex-  
planations, the ex-"King of the News-  
boys" put one frantic swing over the  
heads of the jurors, shouting:

"Well, the only way I could get any-  
thing in at the first trial was to out-  
holler Moss."

Reich's boisterous entertainment  
ended, however, when Becker's lawyers  
all "landed" on him at the close of the  
morning session, before he had left the  
witness chair, and gave him a convinc-  
ing lesson in higher criticism. He went  
out at adjournment like a lion and  
came back at the afternoon session  
like a lamb, and the matinee crowd in  
the courtroom was disappointed. He  
finished strong, and on the whole made  
a better witness for the defence than  
he did at the first trial.

While many of his answers were too  
much elaborated and absurd to be con-  
vincing, he stuck to his main story of  
accusing the state's informers with  
"framing up" Becker with a consistent  
tenacity that suggested a vein of rugged  
truth.

The defence disposed of seven wit-  
nesses yesterday after Mr. Manton had  
briefly outlined his case to the jury at  
the opening of court. In conclusion he  
said:

"There is no action in this case. It  
is all words, words, words. We shall  
show you that it is the sordid story of  
a gamblers' fight, in which an innocent

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## MEXICO CITY FACES RIOT

Uprising Expected to Take  
Place Within Few Days.

Mexico City, May 19.—The situation  
in the capital is considered serious, and  
it is feared that an uprising will occur  
within a few days. A successor has  
not been appointed to succeed José  
Lozano, the Minister of Communica-  
tions, who resigned.

The telegraph wires to San Luis Po-  
tosi have been cut, and it is believed  
that the Federals in that district have  
been defeated.

## BOY AS TELL'S SON SHOT

Woman Rifle Expert Misses Po-  
tato; Hits Lad on Stage.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Boston, May 19.—While a big audi-  
ence looked on, frozen with horror,  
nineteen-year-old Henry Garven, of  
Lynn, impersonating the son of Will-  
iam Tell, with a potato, instead of an  
apple, on his head, was shot through  
the head this afternoon on the stage of  
the Central Square Theatre at Lynn by  
Mrs. Juanita Griffin, known profession-  
ally as "Princess Neta."

Applause was just breaking out at  
the report from the 22-calibre rifle  
used by Mrs. Griffin when the Garven  
boy staggered behind the scenes. He  
was hurried to a hospital, where phy-  
sicians gave little hope for his recov-  
ery. Mrs. Griffin was placed under ar-  
rest, and, if the boy dies, will be  
charged, the police say, with man-  
slaughter.

WOOD APPOINTED  
TO SUCCEED EUSTIS

Former Banker Confirmed  
by Senate for P. S. Com-  
mission—Ends Fight.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]  
Albany, May 19.—Robert Colgate  
Wood, for many years a member of  
the banking and brokerage firm of  
Wood & Havemeyer, was appointed  
public service commissioner to succeed  
John E. Eustis, of the 1st District, by  
Governor Glynn to-night. The ap-  
pointment was confirmed by the Senate  
without debate.

Governor Glynn appointed Surrogate  
G. M. S. Schulz of The Bronx on  
March 28, the last day of the regular  
session. Mr. Schulz never qualified,  
however, and Commissioner Eustis has  
held over.

The appointment of Mr. Wood settles  
a fight in which the Bronx Democratic  
organization has engaged over the se-  
lection of a man to take the place of  
Commissioner Eustis. Surrogate Schulz  
withheld his declination until Govern-  
or Glynn promised to name a Bronx  
man for the place. However, the  
Bronx organization and the Governor  
could not agree. The organization sug-  
gested George N. Reinhardt, a feed  
merchant, at first, and then shifted to  
Richard H. Mitchell, Assistant District  
Attorney.

In the mean time financial interests  
suggested Mr. Wood. The organization  
suggested to Mitchell, but after Governor  
Glynn, according to report, threatened  
to let Commissioner Eustis hold over  
the organization consented to be satis-  
fied with Wood.

While the city home of Mr. Wood is  
at 118 East 36th st., he is reckoned a  
Bronx man because he has a summer  
home in Riverdale. Mr. Wood, who is  
forty-four years old, after his gradu-  
ation from Harvard formed a partner-  
ship with J. Craig Havemeyer, grand-  
son of W. F. Havemeyer, former  
Mayor of New York, and they engaged  
in a general bond and brokerage busi-  
ness. The firm, which was dissolved  
recently, was interested in promoting  
some of the surface lines in The Bronx.

## BEEF JUMPS SKYWARD

Best Cuts Up Another Cent in  
Six Months' Record.

The best cuts of beef went up another  
cent yesterday in New York City, Swift  
& Co. jumping the wholesale price to  
17 cents. This increase applies to ribs  
and loins. Rounds also went up half a  
cent, but the chuck will cost one cent  
less to-day than formerly.

The advance is consistent with the  
movement of beef prices for six  
months. During that time there has  
been no drop for those who buy the  
best cuts.

## MAY FORCE OIL KING'S TAX

Cleveland's Officials Threaten  
to Put It "on the Duplicate."

Cleveland, May 19.—Unless John D.  
Rockefeller, personally or through some  
one, lists his property for taxation in  
Cuyahoga County within the next day or  
two, it will be placed on the duplicate by  
the deputy state tax commissioners for  
this county. William Agnew, of the Tax  
Commission, made this statement to-  
night.

When asked whether he thought the  
estate would amount to \$300,000,000, Mr.  
Agnew would not reply.

## FELIX DIAZ IN TORONTO

Wants To Be Near Mediators  
at Work on Mexican Problem.

Toronto, May 19.—Felix Diaz, with Gen-  
eral del Rio and a party of seven Mexi-  
cans, who arrived here yesterday, are at  
a private hotel. Their purpose, it is said,  
is to be near the mediation conference at  
Niagara Falls.

Felix Diaz is a nephew of Porfirio Diaz,  
ex-President of Mexico, and is understood  
to be a candidate for the Presidency in  
case of the retirement of General Huerta.

ROOSEVELT  
WARNED HIM,  
SAYS MELLEN

Former Head of New Haven  
Told to Obey Law in  
Buying B. & M.

SWEARS MORGAN  
DOMINATED ROAD

Witness Repulsed, He De-  
clares, When He Asked  
About \$11,000,000.

FOUND TAMMANY  
"COULD GET THINGS"

Price of Westchester Staggered  
Even Rockefeller—Thorne and  
Stetson Aids in Deal.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, May 19.—The name of  
Theodore Roosevelt was brought into  
the story of the remarkable financial  
transactions of the New Haven rail-  
road by Charles S. Mellen, its former  
president, who continued his testimony  
before the Interstate Commerce Com-  
mission to-day.

Mr. Mellen testified that he had laid  
the whole question of the purchase of  
the Boston & Maine before Mr. Roose-  
velt when he was President at a con-  
ference at the White House. Mr.  
Roosevelt, he said, had in general  
terms approved the proposed deal, but  
with the qualification that he was not  
a lawyer and that the New Haven  
would not be absolved from any legal  
responsibility it might incur by the  
transaction.

Mr. Mellen said that he had talked  
over the Boston & Maine situation with  
Mr. Roosevelt at the White House in  
the spring of 1907. He said he had  
come to Washington several times at  
the behest of Mr. Morgan and that  
when he laid his reasons for acquiring  
the Boston & Maine before the Presi-  
dent Mr. Roosevelt said they appealed  
to him and that he would have done  
the same thing in the circumstances.

A letter from H. M. Whitney to Mr.  
Mellen was read, in which reference  
was made to "the little father in Wash-  
ington sticking his fingers in the pie." Mr.  
Mellen said this referred to Mr.  
Roosevelt, and acknowledged that he  
had written to Whitney saying he had  
been to Washington and that the path  
had been cleared for putting through  
the Boston & Maine deal.

Harriman After Boston & Maine.

Harriman had tried to get hold of  
the Boston & Maine. Mr. Mellen testi-  
fied, but the fight between them was  
not severe. Mellen said he used Har-  
riman rather as a bogey man, but that  
he believed that Harriman would have  
purchased the Boston & Maine stock  
if Billard had not. He said the New  
Haven would not have purchased the  
large amount of stock it did if Messrs.  
Olney, Ledyard and Robbins had not  
advised that it be done. Subsequent  
legislation made the holding of this  
stock by the New Haven impossible,  
and the Boston Holding Company was  
organized.

Although Mr. Mellen's testimony to-  
day was confined principally to the  
purchase of the Westchester companies  
by the New Haven and the Boston &  
Maine transaction, he brought into his  
tale, in addition to ex-President Roose-  
velt, the names of several men promi-  
nent in politics and finance. The list  
included the late J. P. Morgan, Secre-  
tary Lane, Richard Olney, former Sec-  
retary of State; Francis Lynde Stetson,  
Charles F. Murphy, James E. Gaffney  
and William F. Sheehan.

The names of Murphy and Gaffney  
were mentioned in connection with a  
contract for between \$2,000,000 and  
\$2,500,000 given to the New York Con-  
tracting Company. The witness said  
that he had been told that those in-  
terested in this company had consid-  
erable influence, and that, as the contract  
called for the crossing at grade of  
many streets, he felt that if another  
company obtained the contract there  
would be innumerable delays. He had  
read, he said, that Murphy and Gaffney  
and a man named Collins were inter-  
ested in this company, but that he had  
never met Murphy and Gaffney. He  
conducted all of his negotiations  
through Collins.

Mr. Mellen said that the purchase of  
the Westchester railroads against his  
advice had cost the New Haven about  
\$34,000,000, and that this money had  
been expended practically to suppress  
competition.

When Oakleigh Thorne presented the  
plan for the purchase of the two West-  
chester railroads to the board of di-  
rectors of the New Haven, Mr. Mellen  
said, he appointed the late Mr. Mor-  
gan, William Rockefeller and George  
M. Miller as a committee to handle  
the transaction. After fourteen months  
he testified the committee reported to  
the directors that \$11,000,000 had been  
expended. No itemized account was  
rendered, and after the meeting several  
country directors held an indignation  
meeting in his office and demanded  
to know how this money was spent.

Although he had been an ex officio  
member of the committee himself, Mr.

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MRS. ROOSEVELT WELCOMING HER HUS-  
BAND HOME FROM SOUTH AMERICA.WIRY AND FIERY, T. R.  
IS BACK HOME AGAIN

Colonel, Sixty Pounds Lighter, in Fighting Trim for Landor  
in River Bout—Won't Run for Governor—  
Will Go to Spain for Wedding.

Snapping his jaws together with a  
vim that a tropical fever, which robbed  
him of sixty pounds of flesh, could not  
diminish, Theodore Roosevelt returned  
yesterday from his explorations in the  
jungles of South America.

"I had a rather severe attack of  
fever," the colonel admitted, "but I'm  
still worth several dead men."

Standing at the starboard rail of the  
Booth liner Alden, on which he made  
the voyage from Para, the Progressive  
leader showed the effects of the illness  
which nearly cost him his life. His  
face, beneath a dark coat of tan painted  
by a tropical sun, was thin and drawn;  
his neck was lean and sinewy, while his  
back tapered from his shoulders to a  
waist remarkably slender for the col-  
onel. Before the ship reached Quarant-  
ine he experienced two chills, proving  
that the fever had not been eradicated  
from his system.

Mrs. Roosevelt met her husband on  
the tug W. F. Dalzell when the Alden  
arrived at the Narrows. On the smaller  
craft with her were Mr. and Mrs. The-  
odore Roosevelt, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Rich-  
ard Derby and W. Emlen Roosevelt.  
Philip Roosevelt, a nephew, boarded the  
steamer from the revenue cutter Calumet  
and went with the colonel to  
Oyster Bay on the tugboat.

That he intends to push the conten-  
tion that he explored and, to use his  
own words, "put on the map," a new  
river in South America, was evident  
from the short interview which Colonel  
Roosevelt granted before he left the  
Alden. Henry Savage Landor, the Eng-  
lish explorer and geographer, may also  
expect a surprise, according to a state-  
ment made yesterday by the returning  
ex-President.

Ananias Club for Landor.  
As he left the steamer to board the

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FIRST BRITISH BILL  
LAW, DESPITE PEERS

Welsh Disestablishment Goes on  
Statute Book, Although Re-  
jected by Lords.

London, May 19.—The first bill to be-  
come law under the operation of the  
Parliament act—i. e., without passing  
the House of Lords—is the Welsh dis-  
establishment bill, which passed its  
third reading in the House of Commons  
to-night by a vote of 328 to 251, a ma-  
jority of 77.

Renewed interest has been taken in  
the question of Welsh disestablishment  
during recent months because of its  
immense importance to the Church and  
churchmen. Under the Parliament act  
the bill automatically goes to the King  
for signature after its third passage  
by the House of Commons, no matter  
what action the House of Lords may  
take.

Among other things the bill provides  
that so far as Wales and Monmouth  
are concerned, the Church of England  
will cease to be established by law; all  
cathedrals and ecclesiastical corpora-  
tions will be dissolved; the bishops of  
the four Welsh dioceses will cease to  
be members of the House of Lords; the  
present ecclesiastical law will cease to  
exist as law, and no ecclesiastical court  
will have any coercive jurisdiction; the  
bishops and clergy will not be members  
of or be represented in the Houses of  
Convocation of the Province of Can-  
terbury.

ENVOYS READY FOR  
OPENING OF PARLEY  
IN CANADA TO-DAY

Mediation Chairman to Declare in Address  
That Successful Outcome Is Impor-  
tant to All America.

## COURSE OF REBELS CAUSES ANXIETY

So Eager for Spoils That It Is Feared They Will Not  
Accept Plan for Provisional Government—  
San Luis Potosi Reported Taken.

All is in readiness for the mediation conferences, which will  
begin in Niagara Falls, Ont., this afternoon. The first session will be  
given up to introductions and preliminary formalities.

The Wilson administration, confident that the mediators will  
reach an agreement for the elimination of Huerta, will try to induce  
the Constitutionalists to consent to establishment of a provisional  
government in Mexico, which will supervise an honest election for  
President.

General Villa defeated five thousand Federals in a pitched battle  
at Paredon, a few miles north of Saltillo. Two Federal generals were  
reported killed. The rebels captured eight hundred prisoners, several  
machine guns and 600,000 rounds of ammunition.

Advices to rebel leaders in Juarez say that San Luis Potosi has  
been taken by the Constitutionalists, after three days of hard  
fighting.

Archbishop Mora, who recently was reported as leaving Mexico  
on a mission to Rome, is said to have been driven out of the country  
by Huerta, to whom the prelate delivered a letter from the Pope, sug-  
gesting that Huerta should resign.

VERA CRUZ RIDDLED  
BY AMERICAN COIN

War Beats What Sherman  
Said It Was, Shopkeepers  
Joyously Agree.

SIESTA, HOWEVER, IS  
NEVER NEGLECTED

Untold Riches Await One Who  
Dares Open Clean Saloon  
or "Movie" Show.

By RICHARD HARDING DAVIS.  
Vera Cruz, May 19.—While watch-  
fully waiting for real news you may be  
interested in the life of a city for four  
hundred years Spanish and Mexican,  
and now, during the last month, Ameri-  
can.

In Vera Cruz the day begins early,  
so early that those troubled with in-  
somnia should keep away, especially  
from the main plaza, on which face both  
the Hotels Dilligence, where most of  
the civilian Americans live. New ar-  
rivals have suggested that for a city  
where nobody was diligent one hotel of  
that name would be sufficient. It was  
then explained that the "dilligence"  
meant was the kind which once started  
from these hotels drawn by six mules.

These hotels surround two sides of  
the plaza, and those living in them  
never sleep. The plaza is very small—  
not eighty yards across—and in the  
center, surrounding a bandstand, is a  
grove of laurel trees. These have been  
inhabited by blackbirds since the days  
of Montezuma. They own the plaza.  
All night they fight, chirp, whistle, sing  
and make every noise of which a bird  
is capable except crowing and saying  
"Polly wants a cracker."

At sunrise, when the birds become  
silent from exhaustion, chicleaters in  
the form of newsboys burst into the  
plaza shrieking the breakfast editions  
of "El Dictamen." They are followed  
by the clanging of the bells of the  
cathedral calling the faithful to first  
angelus, and the bugles of infantry  
sounding first call for reveille and  
breakfast call.

By that time the city surrenders and  
awakes. The business hours are from  
9 to 11 o'clock, and for the next four  
hours—from 11 to 3 o'clock—the city  
again slumbers—this time in earnest.  
The shops, banks, commission house  
offices and steamship lines all close  
their shutters and lock their doors.

And yet Vera Cruz is strictly a city  
of business and shops. It is not a city  
of homes and residences. No one not  
in business in Vera Cruz lives there.  
The reason for this is geographical. If  
you walk south you walk into the Gulf.  
If you walk anywhere else you walk  
into sandhills.

Vera Cruz has no environs, no sub-  
urbs and no communities. The people  
dwell over their shops or warehouses  
and spend their time when not sleeping  
either leaning on a balcony looking  
down into the street and chatting with  
neighbors on either side or in a patio  
hidden by outer walls. There is a long  
avenue of grass and palms where in  
the afternoons citizens might drive,  
but after going to a great expense in  
laying out this really beautiful alameda  
they paved each side of it with  
cobble as large as six-inch cannon  
balls, over which to pass even on rub-  
ber tires is torture. So the social life

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## The Concert of America.

While the ambassador may not deem  
it wise to suggest that the success of  
the mediation may prove the forerun-  
ner of the supplanting of the Monroe  
Doctrine by "the concert of America,"  
which concert is destined to become as  
important and as powerful in its own  
realm as the concert of Europe is in  
its realm, there is no doubt that that  
thought will be in the minds of all  
those present, and probably will find at  
least guarded expression in their re-  
marks.

After the initial session the media-  
tors will confer with the Mexican and  
the American delegates separately.  
Controversies will be avoided. No  
stenographic record of the proceedings  
will be kept; only some form of journal.  
It is felt that discussion will be fuller  
and freer if the American and Mexican  
delegates, respectively, meet only the  
mediators, answering their questions  
and submitting such views as they may  
desire to lay before the conference.  
Equally it is believed that the absence  
of stenographers will not alone con-  
tribute to the freedom with which the  
delegates will express their views, but  
will tend to discourage any disposition  
to unrestrained oratory on questions  
put by those who believed their  
speeches were to be embalmed in the  
annals of this historic conference.

## Mediators to Feel Way.

There is little prospect that intelli-  
gent prediction regarding the success  
or the duration of the conference can  
be made at least until after several  
sessions. Having explained in some-  
what elementary form the hopes with  
which they have initiated the media-  
tion, the mediators will seek to feel out  
the delegates, and largely by the suc-  
cess of these efforts and the informa-  
tion secured they will be governed in  
their further procedure.

A phase of the Mexican situation  
which must receive more than passing  
attention is the basis on which ami-  
cable relations with all other nations  
can be established. With peace re-  
stored, Mexico will find herself in some-  
what the unfortunate position which  
confronted China at the termination of  
the Boxer outbreak. Various nations  
inevitably will present pecuniary claims  
of great magnitude. While no foreign